

REMARKS

Claims 1-56 are pending. Claims 1, 15, 29, and 43 are in independent form.

In the action mailed February 28, 2006, claims 1, 15, 29, and 43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,953,020 to Wang et al. (hereinafter "Wang" and U.S. Patent No. 6,157,397 to Bogin et al. (hereinafter "Bogin").

The present application was filed on January 16, 2004 and claims the priority of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/579,335, now U.S. Patent No. 6,693,641, which was filed on May 25, 2000. Bogin, which was filed on March 30, 1998 and issued on Dec. 5, 2000, is understood to potentially qualify as prior art solely under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

STATEMENT CONCERNING COMMON OWNERSHIP

The present Application Serial No. 10/759,504 and U.S. Patent No. 6,157,397 to Bogin were, at the time the inventions of the present Application Serial No. 10/759,504 were made, owned by or subject to an obligation to assign to Intel Corporation.

In further support of this statement, submitted herewith are copies of the assignments in these applications.

Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c)(1), subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under one or more of subsections (e), (f), and (g) of section 102, does not preclude patentability under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the claimed invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person. See also *M.P.E.P.* § 706.02(1).

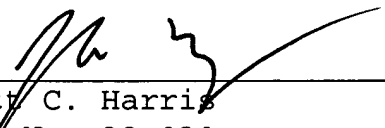
Since Bogin is understood to potentially qualify as prior art only under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), and in light of the above statement concerning common ownership, Applicant understands that Bogin cannot properly be relied upon to reject claims in the present application under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Accordingly, the rejections of claims 1, 15, 29, and 43 are improper. Applicant thus requests that these rejections, and the rejections of the various dependencies, be withdrawn.

Applicant asks that all claims be allowed. No fees are believed due at this time. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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